

# BOYSCOUTS LEARN LOCAL HISTORY

## East Side Lads Take Interesting Trip Through Union District.

There are many "points of interest" right here in Marion county which would occupy time pleasantly for adults as well as "Boy Scouts" and on a trip like this one being enjoyed this spring there could hardly be a better expenditure of time than in a ramble such as the Junior Bible class of the East Park Community house took Sunday afternoon, requiring three hours and thirty minutes.

The stroll was confined to Union district and the "points of interest" entered in the notebooks of the boys were:

The highest point in Union district, a knob on the farm of S. J. Satterfield, from which the boys could see the Blue Ridge mountains, the Tygart's Valley river, etc. This point is higher than Palatine Knob.

The foundation of a cabin occupied by a counterfeiter during Civil War days, which is on the farm formerly owned by David Carpenter. A grandson of David Carpenter, John, son of Charles, who recently moved here from Indiana, was one of the boys of the party.

A virgin forest on the farm of C. A. Gallahue, which provided inspiration for a talk by L. L. Beers, of the local Y. M. C. A., on Indian scouting.

The birthplace of Levi B. Harr, teacher of the class, and the point where he found a human skeleton thirty years ago took on interest as he was head of the party.

At various places beautiful flowers and butterflies were encountered and many other signs of spring. The flag on Palatine Knob could be seen at frequent intervals, and this led to a few remarks by Mr. Harr on Americanism.

The men who fail to take advantage of the opportunity to get in touch with the lads through Boy Scout work are missing a great deal, declares Mr. Harr, "not only are they missing splendid enjoyment but they are missing an opportunity to do good."

The Junior Bible class of the East Park Sunday school has about forty members. It includes all the Boy Scouts of "Troop No. four" and other lads. There were about thirty boys in the party yesterday afternoon. The Bible class is looked upon as being closely affiliated with Boy Scout work and recently C. C. Penham, scout master of Troop No. 5, paid it a visit.

## Evening Chat

### Buds and Birds.

This morning at six o'clock we had a daybreak which reminded me of a greedy child. Everything reached so for real spring. The trees, still bare and black, were many of them topped with yellow buds. There are a number quite frankly and plainly alive with buds. As a rule, however, these are scarce. These small yellow buds serve in the faint morning light as tiny candle flames and if you will pay special attention you will see they are swaying quite eagerly to catch every solitary breath of nature which just now carries so much which is vital. I could not but smile this morning as I watched some of the taller trees—those with close-lying branches brushed upward. Their long slender fingers clasped and unclasped and were held toward heaven as though beseeching the Creator for more sun, more warm breezes, and more of anything and everything which means true spring.

The trees are tired of their dull, black garments. I don't blame them a bit, do you? And Easter-clad human beings will be no happier than will the trees when they are once more decked out in fluttering green-leaved wearing apparel. What an interesting world this is! This morning so very much was going on at the early hour of seven in spite of the fact that scarcely a sound could be heard other than the faint chattering of the birds and the creak of a peevish rooster or two. Men and women were hurrying along the streets. Carpenters started on their building work. Smoke curled ambitiously out of chimneys. Chickens scratched frantically in backyards for fine worm appetizers. The tiny buds began pushing harder than ever. Soft gray clouds started sailing fast across the sky, disclosing to view wonderful patches of delicious blue. Automobiles broke the speed limit laws in a number of instances—where were they going and who was inside? And hundreds of birds are already building nests—in spite of the high cost of materials.

An Ambitious Sparrow. I watched an ordinary sparrow this morning while he worked toward severing a fine twig from a tree. At first he pulled it gently and it wouldn't come, so he pulled a little harder and before he got the twig in his wings he sat down backward at least two dips. It was when he grew determined that I became interested. By gum, he intended to get that twig whether or not! So he sized it up and went at it from all angles, and he pulled and he pulled, forward and backward and sideways. Finally he got it crossways and bent it hard, and the twig was of little account to the tree, quite dead and dry, and it dropped to the ground. This ordinary, dull-colored little fellow chirped in high glee as he swooped down upon his building material. Some beloved little lady sparrow will perhaps sit on that twig and find it rather hard and scratchy, but she won't say a word. The last I saw of him he was hurrying across the sky with a foot or two of twig trailing off behind.

Self Confidence Accomplishes Wonders. Did you ever wonder why it was that one individual accomplished so much more than another; why some one who wasn't a bit smarter than his next door neighbor, got so much more out of life from every angle? I have come to the conclusion that the secret of success lies in a combination of ambition and self confidence. Ambition to the top-notch degree comes first, of course—a man must be alive to his finger tips with that. Then comes the belief in oneself, the thoroughly rooted feeling that whatever one does is done wisely and perfectly, and must therefore be all right. Even when mistakes are made, the man with perfect self confidence will not admit them, but will instead blame whatever goes wrong on the other fellow; and if he is sincere and earnest enough about it, the other fellow will recognize as wrong.

There is nothing the world likes better than self confidence. To be near the person who believes in himself makes one wonder after awhile if after all he isn't much more capable than we have given him credit for. We'll push-pouch and sniff and say how we detest a conceited person, but we consult and advise with him nevertheless. And what's more, we give him battles to fight, appoint him general, put him up at the head, follow along after him, and in every way show that he's the kind of a man we like, if he does have hidden shortcomings.

Mothers' Meeting. A mothers' meeting will be held on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Anna Swearingen at the corner of East Park avenue and Dearborn street. A good program will be given and a full attendance is desired.

New Car. A. H. Reeves and brother-in-law, Charles Carpenter, went to Wheeling Sunday and brought home a handsome Vette car which Mr. Carpenter recently purchased from Mr. Reeves.

Doing Well. The many friends of Miss Virginia Rowe, who passed through a severe operation at Cook's hospital the latter part of the week will be pleased to know that she is doing as well as could be expected.

Returned from Atlantic City. Guy Utterback, who accompanied C. D. Robinson to Atlantic City a week ago, returned Sunday evening. Mrs. Utterback visited relatives at Keyser during his absence and returned home with him.

Personal. Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Carpenter who were recently married have set up housekeeping in apartments in Jamison street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Porter and daughter, Virginia Jane, went to Pittsburgh Friday and spent the week end with relatives.

Lambert Barnes, of Bridgeport, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Harden, the latter part of last week while en route to Morgantown to visit his son who is in school there.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Morris, of Anita, were guests of their daughter, Mrs. H. L. Garlow, of Cochran street, Sunday. Harry Boyd spent Sunday at Graf, visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Boice.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rich and children and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Springer of Pleasant Valley were guests of Mrs. Viola Springer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gaskins and children, of Brownsville, Pa., are guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Gaskins, in Market street.

Misses Nellie and Frances Ball, of Wellston, O., were week end visitors of their uncle, Hugh Ball and family, in Guffey street.

Miss Alta Reeves, of the W. V. U., spent the week end at her home in East Park avenue.

Mrs. John Baker has returned to her home at Keyser after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Merrifield, in Columbia street.

Miss Anna McGarvey, of Akron, Ohio, arrived Saturday evening for a visit with her daughter and sister, Mrs. Frank L. Hawkins, in Furber avenue.

John C. Boyles has returned from a few days' business visit in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Blanche Butcher, of Hundred, spent the week end with her parents near here.

Gerald Elliott is home from Kiski Preparatory school at Saltsburg, Pa., for the week end.

The Misses Veda Arnett, Eva McZeny and Elsie Boyles were visitors in Wheeling on Saturday.

Dallas Hamilton is home from W. V. U. for a week end visit.

E. L. Hollibaugh left Saturday for a business visit in Parkersburg and Charleston.

Mr. J. A. Hayes has returned from a visit with relatives in Fairmont.

Mrs. Glenn W. Norman has returned from a business visit in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. C. A. Snodgrass has returned from a visit with friends in Clarksburg.

Richard Clarkson left Saturday evening for a visit in New York City.

Mrs. A. W. Peppers, of Camaron, is in the city for a visit with friends.

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